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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

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**ATTACHMENT 1(e)**

<b>EXPLANATIONS OF RELEVANCY OF REFERENCES</b>	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	APPLICATION NO.
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Each of the references attached hereto fail to teach or suggest a memory access method for a multiprocessor system which includes system modules coupled via a crossbar module, wherein each system module includes a buffer and processors with a cache memory, and the data preread from a system module mother than an arbitrary system module is held in a buffer within the arbitrary system module.

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